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SUBJ: DHEW/PHS/OIH/SFCP - METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING/INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL
RESEARCH PROJECTS

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1. PAYMENT RELATING TO PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR)/MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (MOHFP) IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR LOCATION, I.E., WHETHER IN A MEDICAL KOLLEGE, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HOSPITAL, OR RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE ICMR WHO IN TURN WILL ARRANGE DISBURSEMENT TO THE INDIAN COLLABORATING INSTITUTION. IN REGARD TO THE QUESTION ABOUT PROJECTS EMANATING FROM UNIVERSITIES, ONLY ONES WITH CLINICAL RESEARCH ASPECTS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE ICMR/MOHFP AND PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ICMR. THIS WILL ACCOUNT FOR VERY FEW AS MOST UNIVERSITY PROJECTS WILL GO TO THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC) AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) FOR CLEARANCE. THIS PAYMENT PROCEDURE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THOSE PROJECTS APPROVED BY BY THE NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE/UGC, MOE, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC EMERGY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (SCIR). THE PAYMENTS TO PROJECTS APPROVED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONTINUE

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TO BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE INDIAN COLLABORATING IN-

STITUTIONS, WHICH WILL MOSTLY INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, THE INDIAN INSTITUTES ON TECHNOLOGY, THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, THE CSIR LABORATORIES, THE LABORATORIES AND INSTITUTES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, VOLUDSMSY WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS AND VARIOUS RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE ENEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC D TWEY.

2. THE DHEW/MOH FP AGREEMENT FORMAT WILL BE CONFINED ONLY TO THOSE PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE MOHFP/ICMR. THOSE PROJECTS CLEARED AND APPROVED BY THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ABOVE SHOULD BE PREPARED ON THE OLD FORMAT UNSED PRIOR TO MOHFP/DHEW NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE EXCERPTS FROM MOHFP JULY 25 LETTER TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ON THE SUBJECT OF "METHODS OF PAYMENT":

"AS WAS EXPLAINED IN THE MEETING, THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH WOULD BE DESIGNATED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AS ITS AGENCY TO RECEIVE THE GRANTS FROM US RUPEE FUNDS CONCERNED WITH THE SCRUTINY OF RESEARCH PROJECTS FROM THE TECHNICAL POINT OF VIEW, FEASIBILITY POINT OF VIEW AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES. IT IS, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THAT YOU MAY KINDLY ARRANGE TO APPROVE THIS PROCEDURE IN SO FAR AS THE FINANCIAL ASPECT OF THE JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE CONCERNED SO THAT THE DRAFT FORMAT OF AGREEMENT COULD BE SUITABLY RE-WORDED. YOU WILL ALSO RECALL THAT IT WAS MADE CLEAR IN THE MEETING THAT THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH, IN ACTING AS AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR US RUPEE FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS, WOULD NOT CHARGE ANY COMMISSION OR PERCENTAGE FOR THE WORK".

4. THE ONLY CHANGE MADE BY THE EMBASSY IN THE FRAFT AGREEMENT SECTION I GENERAL PROVISIONS, WAS PARAGRAPH F 1 "ADVANCE PAYMENT" WHICH NOW SPECIFIES THAT PAYMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO ICMR FOR DISBURSEMENT TO THE INDIAN COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS. THERE SEEMS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE SOME CONFUSION RELATING TO PARAGRAPH F-3 ON "PROJECT RELATED INCOME" AND PARAGRAPH G-2 ON "RETENTION OF RECORDS". THESE TWO PARAGRAPHS WERE INSERTED BY

DHEW IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AFTER THE ORIGINAL MEETINGS WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN MARCH 1972. IN A MEETING ON JUNE 28, 1972 BETWEEN THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR AND SCIENCE ATTACHE WITH THE MINISTRY OF

HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING OFFICIALS THESE TWO
PARAGRAPHS WERE DELETED BY THE MOHFP FORHTH FOLLOWING
REASONS:

A. "PROJECT RELATED INCOME" - THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH INDICATED THAT "THE RESEARCH PROJECTS
UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY ARE
NOT OF A COMMERCIAL NATURE AND IN ALMOST 100 PERCENT OF
THE CASES THE QUESTION OF DERIVING ANY INCOME FROM THOSE
PROJECTS WOULD NOT ARISE. ALSO, ALL PAYMENTS ARE
DEPOSITED IN CURRENT ACCOUNTS WHICH DO NOT ACCRUE ANY
INTEREST OR INCOME".

B. "RETENTION OF RECORDS" - THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH POINTED OUT THAT "UNDER THIS PROVISION
NOTICE OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS WILL BE SUPPLIED TO
THE US COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS BY THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND RETENTION OF RECORDS
FOR MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE FORMULATION
OF AGREEMENTS WOULD NOT THEREFORE BE NECESSARY BY THE
INDIAN COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS". THE MOH FURTHER
INDICATED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE COLLABORATING
INSTITUTIONS ARE CENTRAL, STATE OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL
AND THAT A VERY STRICT AUDIT IS DONE AS A ROUTINE
PROCEDURE. ALSO, THE SUPPLY OF PERIODIC REPORTS WAS
ALREADY RECOVERED IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT. HENCE
THE MOH REQUESTED THE DELETION OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

AROUND AUGUST OF 1972 WE WENT BACK TO THE MOH WITH SOME
DIFFERENT WORDING. HOWEVER, AN EMBARGO ON ALL NEW
PROJECTS WAS IMPOSED AT THAT TIME BY THE GOI AND NO
FURTHER MEETINGS WERE HELD ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL MARCH 1974
WHEN ONLY THE PATENT CLAUSE WAS DISCUSSED AND FINALLY
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5. WE WILL GO BACK TO THE MOH FOR FURTHER CLASSIFICATIONS
AND STUDY OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.
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